


**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

At the outset, applicant gratefully acknowledges the Examiner's indication that claims 4-20 have been allowed.

Rejected claims 1 and 2 have been cancelled, thereby placing the application, with remaining claims 4-20, in condition for immediate allowance. In the event any small matters remain outstanding, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned so that the prosecution of this application can be expeditiously concluded.

Respectfully submitted,

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